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MEMORANDUM FOR: William F. Martin

**Executive Secretary** 

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: Presidential Radio Address 29 June 1985

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SUBJECT:

Presidential Radio Address June 29, 1985

Attached is a draft of a radio speech to be delivered by the President on Saturday, June 29, 1985. It requires senior level review for policy content only. In view of the time constraints any comments should reach be by 5:00 p.m. today.

William F. Martin

Executive Secretary

Attachment Draft Radio Speech

June 27, 1985 1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: ESPIONAGE
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1985

My fellow Americans, in recent weeks the world's composure has been rocked by increases in terrorist attacks on innocent people, confirmation of Soviet cheating on the SALT II treaty, and revelations of vital defense secrets stolen from the U.S. and our allies.

These hostile actions dramatize the fragile nature of our open societies, and the challenges of a world where so many disdain our values and seek to harm us and our way of life. I want to speak to you today about our need to counter the rash of spy activities that threaten and damage our security and interests at home and abroad, and to improve our own intelligence-gathering capabilities.

There's no question that the number and sophistication of Soviet bloc and other hostile intelligence service activities have been rising in recent years. Let's face facts. The Soviet Union is a closed society whose rulers fear the intoxication of freedom; indeed, fear it so much they forbid their people to compete freely with us in the great race to create and invent our children's future for the 21st century.

So as the West has pulled further and further ahead, the Soviets have embarked upon a major effort to catch up by stealing or buying what they need -- from classified information on American satellites, reports on future weapons systems, including the B-1 and the Stealth bomber; to our most advanced technologies from high-tech areas like Silicon Valley/N CALLForum

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Besides espionage against our most sensitive secrets, theft and diversion of the high technology upon which our defense depends, the Soviets have intensified what they call "active measures": propaganda and disinformation meant to mislead Western governments and their citizens, subversion, forgeries, and covert action.

proponents of freedom are systematically excluded from Soviet radio or T.V., hardly a week goes by that we don't see a so-called Soviet journalist or scholar on our own airwaves.

These men and women should at least be identified for what they are -- Soviet propagandists whose appearances and statements are controlled by the Communist party.

The Soviets and their satellites and surrogates rely on a huge apparatus, including the KGB, to spy on us and influence our public opinion. Those who equate the KGB with the CIA not only do an injustice to the CIA, they are gravely mistaken. The KGB is far more than an intellipence service; it is a political police operation, like its motto says, "The sword and shield of the Communist Party of the UBSR."

The KGB mission, to shifeld the Soviet system of rigid dictatorship from any internal challenge, to weaken and discredit the U.S. and the various alliances we have built up, particularly the NATO Alliance, and to advance the Soviet quest for power make it unique in the world.

What can be done? Well, we can counter this hostile intelligence threat and still remain true to our American values and traditions. We don't need to fight repression by becoming

repressive ourselves, by adopting such restrictions as internal passports for our citizens. But we do need to put our cleverness and determination to work.

We should begin with education, recognizing that espionage is a fact of life, and that all of us need to be better informed about the unchanging realities of the Soviet system. We are in a long twilight struggle with an implacable foe of freedom.

Next, we need to reduce the size of the hostile intelligence threat we are up against, which was permitted to increase dramatically. Some 30 to 40 percent of the 2,600 Soviet bloc officials in this country are known or suspected intelligence officers, and all of those officials can be called upon by the KGB. We need to bring the number of their intelligence officers to a more manageable number. We need to bring the size of the Soviet diplomatic presence in the U.S. to parity with the U.S. presence in the Soviet Union. The Soviets currently have a huge advantage. And we need to control foreign intelligence agents working at the U.N., because they have utilized that organization as a spy-nest.

Another priority is to improve our own counter-intelligence.

During the 1970's we began cutting back our manpower and resources and imposed some unnecessary restrictions on our dedicated security and counter-intelligence officials. And with help from Congress, we've begun to rebuild, but we must persevere. As we do, we must work for better coordination between counter-intelligence agencies, better analysis of hostile threats, and we must learn from the mistakes of past restrictions which unduly hampered us.

There is no one solution, no quick fix to this problem; many actions are needed. Without hysteria, without finger-pointing, let us move calmly and deliberately together to do what must be done to guarantee our freedom.

We have developed a long list of things which need to be accomplished in the counter-intelligence, counter-measures, and security areas. We need to move on these now, so I am tasking my Cabinet officers to implement the improvements and reforms in every one of these areas on a priority basis.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.